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In re Applications of)	MM Docket No. 92-116
UHURU COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	File No. BRED-910130WF
WSKG PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
COUNCIL)	File No. BPED-910501MB
and)	
ARROWHEAD CHRISTIAN CENTER)	File No. BPED-910501MC
Binghampton, New York)	

To: Administrative Law Judge
Steinberg

MOTION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCEDURAL DATES

Uhuru Communications, Inc. ("UCI"), by its attorneys, hereby requests a postponement of all procedural dates until July 29, 1992 in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of its request UCI submits the following:

1. On September 10, 1991, UCI filed a Form 323 Ownership Report reporting that Lorenza Butler, an experienced commercial broadcaster, had become President of UCI. This filing was made after the date that the competing applications were filed and after the date that the petitions to deny were filed. As stated in the accompanying declarations attached as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively of Mr. Butler and Ms. Gladys Cordeaux¹, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of UCI, one of the principal reasons Mr.

¹Signed copies of the declarations will be filed upon receipt from Mr. Butler and Ms. Cordeaux.

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Butler was asked to step in as President was to help UCI in this hearing. Ms. Cordeaux states that, because of his experience, the Board of Directors deferred to Mr. Butler and delegated to him the responsibility to respond to the FCC concerning the renewal application hearing.

2. On May 6, 1992, Mr. Butler was in a nearly fatal automobile accident. Mr. Butler has undergone two major operations since the accident in an attempt to treat injuries to two fractured vertebrae. Mr. Butler is now undergoing extensive physical therapy and rehabilitation at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago at Northwestern Hospital. See Exhibit 3 attached.

3. When the hearing designation Order was issued on June 8, 1992, Uhuru's former counsel forwarded a copy of the HDO to Ms. Cordeaux. Ms. Cordeaux forwarded a copy to Mr. Butler at his office. Mr. Butler, who was in the hospital, did not receive a copy of the HDO until June 25, 1992. On that date, Mr. Butler directed an assistant to contact undersigned counsel. Undersigned counsel was unavailable. Mr. Butler was not able to reach undersigned counsel until he reached him at home on Saturday, June 27, 1992. Mr. Butler arranged for undersigned counsel to receive a copy of the HDO via facsimile on Monday morning June 29, 1992. On that date, counsel filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of UCI.

4. Undersigned counsel has not previously represented UCI (except for the filing of the September 10, 1991 Ownership Report) and is not familiar with the issues to be tried in this proceeding.

Undersigned counsel has represented Mr. Butler in connection with his commercial radio station, and has stepped in at this time to assist Mr. Butler's desire to aid UCI.

5. In order to assist UCI in properly responding to the issues, counsel for UCI will need to consult with Mr. Butler and other members of the UCI Board. Because of his injuries, Mr. Butler is unable to travel and his ability to work from his hospital room is limited.

6. Because of the injury to Mr. Butler, UCI has not had adequate notice of the HDO and has not had any opportunity to respond to the issues designated in the HDO. UCI is unable to meet the current procedural dates required by the HDO and the Commission's Rules. In particular, UCI is not able to provide the Environmental Assessment required in the Hearing Designation Order. Under the unique circumstances of this case, UCI submits that a postponement of all procedural dates is required to allow Mr. Butler and counsel an adequate opportunity to respond to the designated issues.

CONCLUSION

7. Wherefore, UCI requests that the Presiding Judge defer all procedural dates in this proceeding until July 29, 1992. Given the seriousness and complexity of the issues to be addressed in this proceeding, the requested postponement is necessary and reasonable to allow UCI to adequately represent itself.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 7, 1992

EXHIBIT 1

DECLARATION

I, Lorenza Butler, hereby declare:

I am the President of Uhuru Communications, Inc., ("UCI"). I am also President and sole shareholder of Illiana Broadcasting, Inc., licensee of radio station WLTH(AM), Gary, Indiana.

I joined the Board of UCI in September, 1991 to assist UCI in the comparative renewal hearing before the FCC and to assist in arranging financing to get the station back on the air.

On May 6, 1992, I was in a severe automobile accident. As a result of the accident, I have been in the hospital at all times since the accident. The attached copy of the press release issued by radio station WLTH(AM) summarizes the circumstances surrounding my injuries and treatment. At this time, I am a patient at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago at Northwestern Hospital.

I was first advised of the Hearing Designation Order in this proceeding on June 25, 1992. I attempted to reach WLTH's attorney, James Winston, at that time to ask him to represent WUCI in the hearing. I was not able to reach Mr. Winston until June 27, 1992. I arranged to have the HDO faxed to Mr. Winston on Monday morning June 29, 1992.

It continues to be my intention to aid UCI in this hearing. Because of my accident, I have not had adequate time to work with Mr. Winston or the other members of the UCI Board to respond to the hearing issues. I request that UCI be given additional time to respond to the hearing issues.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the facts stated above
are true and correct.

Lorenza Butler

EXHIBIT 2

DECLARATION

I, Gladys Cordeaux, hereby declare:

I am Chairman of the Board of Directors of Uhuru Communications, Inc.

In September, 1991 the Board of Directors invited Mr. Lorenza Butler to join the Board and elected him President. The Board was aware that Mr. Butler was an experienced broadcaster, and we felt that his expertise would help us to represent UCI's interests in the FCC comparative renewal hearing. The board delegated to Mr. Butler the responsibility for leading our effort to respond to the FCC and to arrange financing to get the station back on the air.

When I received the Hearing Designation Order ("HDO") from UCI's former counsel, I promptly mailed it to Mr. Butler at this office in Gary, Indiana. At the time, I was unaware of Mr. Butler's accident. I assumed that he had received the HDO and was preparing UCI's response.

The Board of UCI is still committed to getting the station back on the air, and Mr. Butler is still the principal Board Member leading our effort in responding to the FCC. Given the delay caused by Mr. Butler's injury, I request that the FCC give UCI additional time to respond to the issues in the hearing.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the facts stated above are true and correct.

Gladys Cordeaux

EXHIBIT 3

P R E S S R E L E A S E

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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WLTH RADIO CHIEF RECOVERS FOLLOWING TRAGIC ACCIDENT

Lorenza Butler, 31 year old broadcast entrepreneur and chairman of WLTH Superstation 1370 am, a CNN affiliate in Gary, Indiana is recovering at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago at Northwestern Hospital. Butler and an employee were involved in a near fatal automobile accident on May 6, near Bloomington, Illinois on I-55 while in route to a meeting in downstate Springfield.

According to Dr. Niva Lubin, consulting physician for Butler's recovery, "Mr. Butler fractured two vertebrae which required immediate surgery hours after the accident at St. Joseph's hospital in Bloomington. Further surgery was required days later. Although there is currently partial paralysis, with the success of these two operations and the treatment he'll receive while here at Northwestern, we are hopeful for full recovery."

The driver of the automobile, an employee of Butler's syndicated broadcasts company, received only minor injuries. He was treated and immediately released from the hospital.

"I am very blessed to be alive today and with God's continued blessings and the prayers and support of my friends and family, I should be fully recovered soon," stated Butler from his hospital bed.

Butler is expected to announce some major staff changes at WLTH later this week. "I had began setting the stage for changes at WLTH prior to my accident. In the very near future I will announce those changes, which are all purposed to improve WLTH business policies. Business must continue and I am confident that with these changes in place, it will allow me to focus on my recovery, which is priority right now," commented Butler.

Mr. Butler, a respected executive in the broadcast industry, has owned several radio stations throughout the United States. He is president of New York-based National Black Public Radio Corporation and Inter-Urban broadcasting, which currently syndicates Operation Push and Willie Wilson's Singsation broadcasts.

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Business Success By 30

**"You don't have to be a
millionaire to be
successful in life. You just
have to have cash flow."**

—Lorenza P. Butler



Buying low and selling high is one of Butler's guiding principles. He has bought and sold several businesses and earned hefty profits.

Taking a different approach, Lorenza P. Butler made his mark on the corporate world with a simple business philosophy: "Buy low and sell high," he says. "I'm not an operator. If I operate something, I'd run it into the ground. I learned that lesson a long time ago."

Butler apparently learned his lesson well. He is only 30 years old and the principal owner and chief executive officer of WLTH-AM radio in Gary, Ind. He plans to buy more radio stations in Arkansas and Louisiana.

A native of Marshall, Texas, Butler attended Clark Atlanta University on an exchange program from Wiley College. He went on to take a marketing position with Miller Brewing Co. in

Washington, D.C. The job put him in contact with several leading business and civic leaders and spurred his interest in becoming an entrepreneur. "To make a long story short, Jesse [Jackson] was boycotting," he says. "So I took the opportunity to learn about developing franchise proposals."

Following Jackson's lead, Butler sought information on owning franchises from two firms that had been targeted for economic boycotts—Burger King and The Southland Corp. By 1983 he was a finalist for franchises at both firms. But he suddenly changed directions, deciding to pursue a Houston beer distributorship, partly to be closer to his mother.

The beer venture cost about \$2 million. Butler, armed with only a \$5,000 loan from his parents, began approaching several local banks for financing. He was turned down by six banks before two others agreed to lend him the money. The 23-year-old marketing rep was now the owner of his own company. "It was persistence," he says, downplaying the complexity of the sale. "There was a deal, it was available and it made good sense. I showed them how it made sense and it didn't take a damn genius to do it. Beer distributorships are not made for geniuses."

Butler didn't stop with beer. The very next year he bought a tobacco and

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wholesale food services firm Houston. In 1986, he sold both businesses—at a tidy profit—and bought a chain of fast food restaurants in Antonio. The next year, he sold his restaurant chain to become president of the Central Life Insurance Company of Florida, a Black company.

In 1989, Butler sold his stake in a life insurance company to buy WLTH-AM, an NBC affiliate, for \$900,000.

Besides running the station, he produces syndicated radio programs, chairs the board of a public radio station in upstate New York, and searches the country for new business opportunities. "You don't have to be a millionaire to be successful in life," he says with a laugh. "You just have to have cash flow."

Juan Armando Minniefield developed his own "cash flow" problem seven years ago, when he was fired from his job at a Los Angeles clothing store.

For an employee whose weekly sales figures averaged around \$4,000, the dismissal was hard to take. He convinced the store's owner to keep him, but learned an invaluable lesson. "At that point, I realized that I would

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kathy Nickens, a secretary in the law firm of Rubin, Winston, Diercks, Harris & Cooke, hereby certify that a copy of the attached **MOTION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCEDURAL DATES** was served this 7th day of July, 1992, to the following persons by first class mail, postage prepaid.

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